

Southbroom

KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa

Happy
Holidays



NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2016

Hi Everyone,

The holiday season seems to have crept up on us pretty fast this year and it is time again to welcome all the up country home owners and visitors to Southbroom. Whether you plan to spend time at the beach, play your favourite sport or just to relax and enjoy some peace and quiet and catch up with family and friends, this little gem on the coast is the place to be.

Southbroom has it all: beautiful beaches, Golf, Bowls, Tennis, bird-watching, walking, hiking trails and plenty to do for the children including the Jungle Gym in Eyles Park when the wind is blowing on the beach. This year UGU SC Tourism has included Southbroom in the beach activity programme and there will be organised games on Southbroom main beach on 13th, 19th and 24th December, Carols by Candlelight on 18th December and of course the annual New Year Party on 31st (Posters attached). Download the full events calendar from the Tourism website: <http://www.tourismsouthcoast.co.za/>. For information and contact details of local businesses, restaurants, accommodation and lots more, check our website www.southbroom.org

SOUTHBROOM CARNIVAL

Wow! Wow! Wow!



The carnival / street party was a rip-roaring success despite the inclement weather. Putting up the Bedouin tent in the heavy rain was a herculean task brilliantly and professionally executed. The setting up of tables and chairs for the 312 ticket holders continued in the relentless rain and the 23 hosts did an amazing job of preparing absolutely spectacular table settings – albeit with slightly damp decorations. The setting looked wonderful with fairy lights, Chinese lanterns and clusters of balloons adding to the vibrant atmosphere. The guests played their part by dressing in colourful party gear and happily wearing the carnival masks that were provided to everyone. This created a festive and exotic ambiance and immediately set the tone of fun and excitement which only increased as the night wore on.



The food proved to be way above expectations with paté, cheese, crackers and complimentary wine from SPAR for starters and sticky-

glazed roast chicken, new potatoes and salads for mains. The spectacular desserts of chocolate ganache brownies and fruit kebabs with brandy custard were the perfect way to end



the lovely meal – plus of course the unlimited coffee available. The cherry on the cake – so to speak – was undoubtedly the vibrant entertainment provided by local artist Winston Smile. His wide repertoire and charming personality had everyone talking and most guests dancing – from 3-year olds to 83-year olds. Indeed a party to remember – well done to everyone involved, especially Dawne Murray who “event managed” the whole thing to perfection ably assisted by Deanne Purtell. Southbroom rocks



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - SATURDAY 7TH JANUARY 2017

The AGM of the Southbroom Ratepayers Association, the Southbroom Property Owners Association and the Community Policing Forum will be held on the first Saturday in January as mentioned in the September News – Notice attached. You are reminded that it was agreed at the 2015 AGM that subscriptions would be increased to R400 per property per annum, subscriptions are now due and invoices have been emailed to everyone on the database. If you are not a member and wish to join please email southbroom.rpa@gmail.com. You must be a paid up member in order to vote at the AGM. Please come along and support your community and share your ideas and suggestions for improvements.

CHAIRMANS REPORT – NOVEMBER 2016

BEACHED WHALE

A carcass of a 17 metre dead whale was washed up near Shad Rock in Southbroom on 18 October. The smell from the dead whale was very bad within a week, especially for the residents in Woodlands drive. We engaged with RNM through Clr. Dave Watson to remove or bury the carcass, but it was difficult for heavy equipment to access the area without damaging the coastal forest. Fortunately the high spring tide on 6 November washed the whale carcass back out to sea.

WATER AND SEWERAGE

Ugu has been responding promptly to requests to repair burst and leaking pipes. However, they have not been repairing roads damaged in repairs, and we have been following these up.

We arrange for water samples to be analysed on a regular basis, and these show high ecoli levels in the Umkobi area. We suspected that the problem is leakage from the Southbroom sewerage plant in Quantock road. On investigation we discovered that this plant has been non-operational for most of 2016 due to a broken gearbox, and Ugu has been treating the sewerage only with chemicals. We insisted that Ugu close the discharge coupling to this plant in September 2016. We have recently had several meetings with Ugu and agreed an action plan to refurbishing this plant, and we have had very good cooperation.

We continue to monitor the local water reservoir, which is full and in good condition, and we hope that there will be sufficient water for the increased demand from holidaymakers in December/January.

BEACHES AND POOLS

RNM eventually repaired the roof on the lifesavers building at the main beach, which was damaged in a storm in September. We have arranged for the building to be painted before mid-December.

We have arranged for the tidal pool to be drained and cleaned and sand to be removed and it should be looking good for the holiday season.

RNM have approved our request to refurbish the ablutions at the main beach, which we were hoping would be completed before the holiday season. Unfortunately, the RNM tender process is taking longer than expected, and this should only be completed in February next year

ROADS

The RNM pothole repair programme has been delayed because of challenges to the tenders awarded and heavy rains. Margate Asphalt has been appointed by RNM and are due to start work in December, and we will monitor progress.

We appointed Margate Asphalt to repair the lower parking area at the main beach in mid-November, but this work has been delayed by heavy rains.

RNM have confirmed that they have prepared a budget for the refurbishment of College and Beach roads, but are awaiting the approval of funds

The replacement of the two cone type speed humps near the tennis club on Captain Smith road with conventional speed humps has also been delayed because of heavy rains.

TOWN PLANNING

In June 2015 we lodged an objection to an application from an owner of a property in South Ridge road for RNM for consent to approve the deviations of Town Planning regulations. We were particularly concerned that the owner had erected a four storey building when only two storeys are permitted, as well as exceeding the approved floor area ratio for the building. RNM advised the owner on 13 October 2016 that the application had been rejected, and the owner lodged an appeal against the RNM decision on 3 November 2016. We liaised with the neighbours and consulted with an attorney to lodge a response to the objection, which has to be lodged by 3 December 2016.

SERVICE REQUESTS

We encourage residents to report all service delivery problems directly to the municipal call centres. If possible, send photographs of specific problems:

RNM for beaches, roads, street lights and refuse issues - services@rnm.gov.za.

Ugu for water and sewerage issues - info@ugu.gov.za

Brain Thompson - Chairman

REFUSE & RECYCLING

Congratulations Southbroom, thanks to the groundwork done by Southbroom Conservancy, Southbroom were the pioneers of recycling on the coast, most of the other towns are now in the programme and even though Southbroom is one of the smallest areas we are contributing more than any other town to the recycling programme. Please keep up the good work and remember to put out both your black bags and clear recycling bags early on MONDAY for collection. PLEASE do utilise a cage or wheelie bin, even if your bags are on the verge for a short time the monkeys wreak havoc and spread litter all over the verge and road in no time at all. If you are unable to put your refuse out on Mondays then please take it to the depot in Outlook Road.

Small loads of garden refuse may be taken to the Outlook road depot, however large items such as tree trunks as well as large household items must be taken to the municipal dump at Oatlands (turn inland at Pistols and follow the road to the dump).

Special request to anyone undertaking building and renovations on their property to please ensure contractors do not dump building materials, rubble and rubbish on the verges. Where possible keep all building materials inside your property or screened with shade-cloth and rent a skip to manage waste removal. "Skip-go" offer very reasonable rates, contact details can be found at www.skipgo.co.za/kzn-southcoast. Southbroom roads are generally narrow and in many instances building materials and rubble are encroaching onto the road reserve and causing a hazard for both pedestrians and vehicles not to mention being very unsightly. Thank you for your co-operation.

COMMUNITY POLICING FORUM

CPF CRIME WHATSAPP GROUP

This group was formed for Southbroom residents to report crime, suspicious persons/behavior and to warn other group members of any immediate danger in the SOUTHBROOM area.

Please respect other group members by not posting matters that are not crime related.

Members are requested to please refrain from sharing any Political news and posts copied from other Whatsapp and Facebook groups, rather post these on the Southbroom News Updates Facebook group. The CPF Whatsapp Group is to report crime taking place in one's presence so as to enable the police to react to the crime and/or threat.

If a crime has already taken place and the suspect(s) not identified, the residents are requested to immediately contact the Southbroom Police Station on 039-3166760 to lodge a complaint and/or to obtain police assistance.

Residents are further requested not to utilize 'thumbs up' or 'clapping hands' etc. If you are happy with the police's response please then send an email or telephonically inform the police.

If you are not already a member of this group and wish to join, please send a WhatsApp message with you name and Lot number to **076 152 4479**

Kingsley du Plessis
CHAIRMAN

GENERAL SECURITY

Southbroom has the lowest crime rate on the coast which is not only thanks to our CPF who co-operate with private security companies but also because the majority of residents take responsibility for their own security by ensuring their alarm systems are up to date and activated and their premises are secure.

Visitors are reminded to be especially vigilant when they first arrive at their holiday home. Criminals particularly target holiday makers when they arrive as frequently doors are left open and valuables left lying around while unloading and settling in. Please keep all your valuables, especially cellphones, tablets, laptops and cameras locked away at all times and do not leave articles in parked vehicles. Familiarize yourself with the alarm system and ensure all access points are secure and alarms and beams are activated.

If you see or hear anything suspicious, it is extremely important to notify the local police (039 316 6760) as well your private security company immediately. Please be aware that if you do not report an incident or attempted break in to the Police it will not be recorded in the crime statistics and Police cannot follow up. Reports of even minor attempts will assist the police in preventing crime.

CAMERAS

Over the last couple of years the CPF have gradually been increasing the number of security cameras around Southbroom. These Cameras have been funded by CPF as well as by contributions from Southbroom Ratepayers Association, Conservancy and private individuals. It has been proved without doubt that cameras do prevent crime, and in some cases perpetrators have been caught with goods before the homeowner was aware they had been taken.

CPF are now planning to install more sophisticated cameras at the entrances to the town and these should be operational over the December and January holiday period.

SOUTHBROOM TENNIS CLUB NEWS

Our three courts, including court No. 3 which has now been refurbished, offer a fabulous way of exercise and fun while on holiday in our pretty village! Either play in your own time or join us for some fun during our social tennis afternoons on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 2 p.m.

Court hire is R30 per hour per court, and visitors' fee for the afternoon club tennis is also R30 which includes tennis, tea and cake!

We are busy refurbishing the club house and are very grateful for any donations.



There will be tennis coaching available every day at Southbroom Tennis Club as from Mon 5th December. The lessons are from beginner to adult, private, semi private and group lessons, as well as cardio tennis for the more active.

Please contact Frank, a TSA qualified coach, on 083 274 5888 or email

southcoasttennis@gmail.com for more

information or to book your time with him.



BOWLING CLUB NEWS

Southbroom Bowling Club welcomes visitors to enjoy a few ends or a drink or two in the licensed bar. Tabs in games are played on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday afternoons.

Summer times are: 14.00 for 14.30 except for Fridays which start at 15.00 for 15.30.

Phone Viv on 039 316 6500 for more information.

The Southbroom Bowling Club is proud to announce that Sean and Janet Larkins have been appointed to the bowls district committee (KBA – Kingfisher Bowling Association) as Executive Members and as their Competition Secretaries. Congratulations and good luck.

GOLF CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – 20 DECEMBER 2016

Members of the Southbroom Golf Club are reminded that the Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 20 December 2016 at 18h00.

News just in, San Lameer will again be hosting the 2017 SA Women Open from 26th to 28th January. South Africa's own Lee-Anne Pace will be hoping to make it 3 in a row having won the title in 2015 and 2016. If you are in town at the end of January do get down to San Lamer and support the local girls and check how good these professional ladies really are.

SOUTHBROOM LIBRARY

The Southbroom Library is a wonderful asset to Southbroom, completely run by volunteers since the then HCM wanted to close it many years ago. Three of the founder members who were very instrumental in the take-over from HCM, namely Annette Brink, Heather Campbell and Susan Westoby, are now leaving the committee, although Susan will still be assisting the volunteers. The community thanks them sincerely for everything they have done for the library over a number of years. The new committee members are Elaine Harrison and Barbara Biggar who, with the help of volunteers, will take over the day to day running of the library.

The library relies on funds from Southbroom Ratepayers Association, contributions from library members and donations from the community to cover the cost of books and day to day expenditure. The annual raffle hamper is now on display at Southbroom Library. Please consider supporting our only fundraiser by buying a couple of tickets and stand the chance of winning one of two generous prizes. The winners will be announced the week before Christmas.

We all appreciate Southbroom Library and the service it offers to our community.

Special thanks to the SRA committee, it's a pleasure to work with such great dedicated people, and special thanks to everyone who contributes to this newsletter throughout the year. See Southbroom Conservancy news below.

Southbroom Ratepayers Association wishes you safe travels, a very happy holiday and everything of the best for 2017.

Jackie Pratt – Secretary

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SOUTHBROOM CONSERVANCY MATTERS



A note from the Chair by *Sharlene van der Slikke*

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the wonderful Committee Members of Southbroom Conservancy – what a dedicated team! Much has been accomplished this year fired by your enthusiasm and passion. Thank you for all the great team effort, guidance and hard work. Based upon this, we invite you, members, visitors, one and all, to join us for our AGM on Tuesday 3rd January at 17h30pm, Southbroom Golf Club – please stay and listen to all the news; followed by refreshments.

Dear Members, whether you are individuals, companies or Body Corporates, we thank you once again for your unfailing and loyal support in 2016. First and foremost, our fees are afforded to our incredible workers in the field : Alfred who is tirelessly, month by month, tackling the aliens with special emphasis on the dreaded swordfern, lantana and bugweed; and Joseph who deserves a medal for pedalling from one side of Southbroom to the other keeping an eye on animal movements, illegal dumping of refuse and snare/poaching control. They are a pleasure to work with and we are never ceased to be amazed by their enthusiasm, tenacity and perseverance. Every day they report for work with a smile on their face and nothing is ever too much trouble. Secondly, we have afforded funds towards a fair bit of signage this year. This can be seen around town with the control of motorised traffic at Eyles Park, Beach Wheelchair, Frederika sign (which got damaged by bad weather) and lately the very smart KZN Wildlife poster on fishing practices and information posted at Main Beach. We are currently busy with signage for new labelling of trees and education boards. There are a couple of projects still currently underway. Please attend the AGM and hear all about it!

SUBSCRIPTIONS 2017 – Southbroom Member annual contribution of R300 is due January 2017 please. Contribution forms will be sent to everyone shortly. If you are not a member and would like to join, please be in touch at : churashamba@telkomsa.net and we will make sure you are included.

AWARENESS DAY AT UMTAMVUNA NATURE RESERVE, BEACON HILL ON SATURDAY 10 DECEMBER FROM 8AM TILL 12 NOON

Some of our local residents are Honorary Rangers who are involved in matters further afield. They are also a dedicated team of experts who fight nonstop to protect and nurture the nature around us. As far as Pondoland, Bizana, Wild Coast these people extend their care. Umtamvuna Nature Reserve is a place of absolute beauty and bio-diversity. The late Tony Abbott did much to establish a very informative Eco Centre there in which the Honorary Rangers are now involved to ensure our legacy lives on. So if you're wondering what to do, put your walking shoes on, hat and shorts and head for Umtamvuna for a day outside enjoying the fields of flowers, fresh air and beautiful scenery. Beacon Hill is approximately 30 minutes from Southbroom, inland from the Port Edward robots. For further details contact Debbie King : 0725067208. Refreshments will be available.

BUSHBUCK TRAIL / FREDERIKA TRAIL – and if you're still bored and don't know what to do, we have our very own trails to wander along in, just to enjoy the birds, the peace and beauty. Entrances are signposted with markers along the way. Bushbuck Trail commences in Eyles Park and Frederika Trail commences either from the beach Sea Village side or from Woodlands road where about 100m in one can find the Whale Viewing Deck. REMINDER: no dogs off leash in the Bushbuck trail, no littering, no shouting, or bicycles allowed. It is a nature preserve and needs the respect of all who pass through. ABSOLUTELY NO DOGS allowed in the Frederika trail.

We kindly request everyone to please have utmost respect for these nature trails. They are lovingly looked after many days of the year by the Conservancy especially so we can enjoy them, naturally! If you do sadly come across anything wrong, please do not hesitate to contact us on : 0823752993 / 0827713158 / 0832664244 we will endeavour to assist.

NO FIREWORKS POLICY

Please remember Southbroom has zero tolerance for fireworks! Perpetrators will be prosecuted. Every year there are casualties of dead birds, buck and other small animals. PLEASE NO FIREWORKS!

SOUTHBROOM CONSERVANCY PAMPHLETS – these are information leaflets to guide residents and visitors and newcomers to Southbroom, alike, as to our flora, fauna around us, bird/animal/tree lists included. It is a comprehensive and helpful guide as well as to do's and don'ts of the village. It is imperative we try to bridge the gap, from all the crazy frenetic energy of city living to the jewel of our peaceful little village; we trust our pamphlets will enhance harmonious living in Southbroom.



UPCOMING EVENTS



BAT TALK Friday 9 December (this is a ticketed event so hurry along to our local vet to buy yours)

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT Sunday 18 December (see poster below).

In closing from our Committee (Sharlene van der Slikke, Peddy Bam, Debbie Derman, Mike Lyall, Bob Kempthorne, Les and Richard Savage, Dawne Murray, Anne Skelton, Malcolm Sutton, Dave Cox, Jean Bailey and Dave Halle) Festive greetings and Best wishes to you all for a blessed time with family and friends and especially safe travel. Enjoy wonderful Southbroom

BAT TALK

ALL AGES EVENT

TICKETS **R50**
Includes "gnat" bag

WHEN
Friday December 9th
13h30 – 16h00

WHERE
Southbroom Municipal Hall
Imbezane drive (next to Bowling Club)

ONLY 40 TICKETS

FOR INFO
CHURASHAMBA@TELKOMSA.NET

AVAILABLE FROM
Local Vet
Southbroom Municipal Hall, Southbroom

SPONSORS

CONTACT **SHARLENE**
0823752993

BEACH WHEELCHAIR AT GRANNIES BEACH

The beach wheelchair enclosure/hut, on the deck at Grannies Pool is complete. Two chairs are available for use by DISABLED people. The keys are at Riptide Restaurant, Main Beach. Key deposit R100, refundable on key being returned. Please let your friends, relatives or any disabled people know about this facility.

For any information contact Peddy Bam 0827713158.



SOUTHBROOM RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION
SOUTHBROOM PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION
SOUTHBROOM COMMUNITY POLICING FORUM

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING –7TH JANUARY 2017

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**To be held at 09H00 on Saturday 7th January 2017 at the
Southbroom Golf Club**

AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Notice
3. Apologies
4. Approval of Minutes of the AGM held on 19th December 2015
5. Matters arising
6. Chairman's report by Brian Thompson
7. Treasurer's report by Richard Derman
8. Mandates

9. **ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2017**
 - Incumbents available for re-election: Brian Thompson, Brian Dick, Richard Derman, Jackie Pratt, Kingsley du Plessis, Sean Larkins, Cees van der Slikke, Grey Norton, Kate Clarence, Libby Cochrane, Dietmar Klein
 - Eric Annegarn has been nominated and is available for election
 - Nominations will also be taken from the floor

10. **GENERAL.**

The Southbroom Ratepayers meeting will be followed by the AGM of the Southbroom Property owners Association and the Southbroom Community Policing Forum

2017 SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW DUE

Please note that only paid up members have a vote at the AGM.

All Ratepayers should have received an Invoice for the 2017 subscription. Please remember to mail, fax or email your deposit details and furnish us with your details to ensure we credit the correct account and our database is up to date.

Subscriptions may also be paid at the AGM.

Rest assured that the database is strictly confidential and will only be utilised for Southbroom communications distributed via a secure server.

We thank those ratepayers who are members of the Association and look forward to your continued support.



Carols by Candlelight

The Southbroom Conservancy invites you to join us for an evening of carol-singing, fun and friendship for the whole family.



Bring your own chairs, drinks and snacks.
We will provide candles, song sheets and music.

Special Christmas performance by
Winston Smile

Sunday 18 December, 6 to 8.00pm
Eyles Park - next to tennis courts
(unless it is pouring with rain)

NOTE: at 5 pm there will be a guided walk through
the Bushbuck Trail (same venue)



SOUTHBROOM NEW YEARS EVE

Set right on the waters edge with a spectacular beach view, Southbroom New Years Beach Party is the place to be come New Years Eve on the South Coast.

With a mind-blowing sound and lighting rig and some of SA's top DJ names such as Chunda Munki (JHB), Vimo (JHB), Veranda Panda and Ryan Stylz, the event attracts party goers every year from all over South Africa. Let's bring in the New Year together with the sounds of SA's hottest DJ's and explosive headliners.

Tickets are available at Computicket.
 General: R220 presold & R250 on the day
 VIP R350 presold & R400 on the day



Gates open 6PM



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